Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—Will the Government be pleased to state when they received the notice of these questions to the office? I had sent these questions long, long ago, after the deliberations or the pronouncement made in the last meeting of the budget session.

President.—Is it the Diwan's Office or the Secretary's Office that you mean?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—I had sent my questions to the Council Secretary in the usual course. I do not know where the delay is.

President.—At any rate, there is no intentional delay in it.

399. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform what steps have been taken by the Government with regard to the assurance given to the Legislative Council of appointing a Retrenchment Committee, and whether the Committee will be appointed within a month?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Vide answer to question No. 398.

400. Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has taken any steps towards the formation of the Retrenchment Committee promised in the last session of this Council? If so, what steps have been taken? If not, does the Government intend taking any steps before the close of this year?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—Vide answer to question No. 398.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvathur.—I would like to know what steps were taken. The announcement was made in the last meeting. The question is whether any steps have been taken by the Government.

President.—The composition of the Committee is being considered, and certain names are being proposed.

Heads of Departments and Salaries.

401. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing:—

(a) the number of Heads of Departments in 1090 and 1100;

(b) the monthly salary of each Head of Department in Karkadagam 1090 and in Karkadagam 1100;

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(c) the monthly salary of the lowest clerk and the lowest peon of each Head of Department in Karkadagam 1090 and in Karkadagam 1100?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—(a) & (b) Pages 2 to 5 of *the Civil List* corrected up to 1st Chingam 1091 and pages 2 to 3 of *the Civil List* corrected up to 1st Chingam 1101 will furnish the information.

(c) The *Budget Estimates* for 1091 and 1101 will supply the information.

Copies of the publications referred to are available in the Council Library.

Land Revenue and expenditure in the Cranganur Taluk.

402. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of Land Revenue collected in the Cranganur Taluk for the years 1097, 1098 and 1099 and what portion of it was spent each year for purposes of public utility?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The amount of Land Revenue collected from the Cranganur Taluk for the years 1097, 1098 and 1099 was Rs. 54,070—2—11, Rs. 67,293—2—10 and Rs. 58,303—4—6 respectively. The appropriation of departmental receipts to specific items of expenditure is strictly prohibited by the rules, and hence no accounts were maintained to show how much of Land Revenue alone was spent for purposes of public utility.

The Cranganur Budget.

403. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to publish the *Budget* for the Cranganur Taluk along with the *State Budget* in future years?

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The member is referred to the Proceedings of the Diwan of Cochin C. No. 1745/1100, dated 8th September 1925, published on page 109, Part I of the Cochin Government Gazette, dated 12th September 1925.

The T. A. of the Legislative Council Members.

404. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform what arrangements have been made by the Government with regard to the travelling and daily allowance of the members of the Legislative Council, in view of the discussion that took place at the last meeting of the Legislative

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